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Our medical supplies corporation seems to be flush with money — why would they be paying over Rs 16 extra per surgical glove than TN or Odisha govts otherwise? And that too, to a company not quite known for the quality of its wares...

Hand in glove

Contract not cancelled despite letters being written about misappropriation of money

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It is the responsibility of Karnataka State Medical Supplies Corporation Limited (KSMSCL) to procure good-quality drugs, chemicals and miscellaneous items on time to government hospitals in a more cost-effective way across the state. However, the KSMSCL seems to be in favour of a supplier known for allegedly supplying sub-standard sterile surgical gloves. The other shocking thing is that the KSMSCL is paying Rs 16.80 extra per pair of surgical gloves than the Tamil Nadu and Odisha governments are paying.

The KSMSCL has agreed to pay Rs 111.44 per pair of surgical gloves to Anondita Healthcare of Noida while the Tamil Nadu Government is getting the same surgical gloves for Rs 94.64 and the Odisha Government is paying Rs 91.72. The total loss for Karnataka is estimated to be Rs 27,81,961. The officials of KSMSCL are aware of making extra payment to Anondita Healthcare of Noida but neither they nor the higher authorities including Health and

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(Below) One of the terms and conditions of the contract that prohibits the supplier to sell same product for lower price to others (Righ) Details about the supplier selling the same product to others at lower price

SECTION II - TERMS OF THE CONTRACT

1. **Prices:** The end price quoted shall include GST, package, transportation and delivery, and other incidental charges as applicable. If a change in Statutory levies in future, the same should be reflected in the landed price & the vendor shall intimate the Office of the Managing Director (KSMSCL), Bengaluru immediately. If the prices are revised downwards or if the vendor supplies the same product under similar terms and conditions to any organization, at a price lower than the quoted price, then the price would automatically stand revised to that lower price (refer full clause 3 below).
2. The price of the products will be firm during the course of execution of the Contract and no upward revision will be allowed, excluding GST. The rate of GST applicable as at the time of supply.
3. **Full Clause:** The bidder undertakes that, he has not supplied/supplying the similar items/equipment/systems at a price lower than that offered in the present bid to any other Government Departments/Govt. Organizations in India under similar terms and conditions and if it is found at any stage that the similar items/equipment/systems or sub-system was supplied by the bidder to any other Government Departments/Govt. Organizations in India at a lower price under similar terms and conditions, then that very price with due allowance for elapsed time will be applicable to the present case and the difference in the cost would be refunded by the bidder to the buyer if the contract has already been concluded/payment made.
4. If the supplier or any of its approved items gets debarred/banned/blacklisted in any state after entering into agreement with KSMSCL, it shall be the responsibility of the supplier to inform KSMSCL without any delay about the same.
   4.1. In case the Firm is black listed/debarred/banned after submission of bid document, it should inform the KSMSCL within 15 days of blacklisting/debarring/banning. If the blacklisted/debarred / banned firm does not inform the KSMSCL within stipulated time, a penalty amounting to @ two percent of purchase orders issued between the

SL NO	ITEM CODE	ITEM NAME	COMPANY NAME	ANONDITA HEALTHCARE SUPPLYING TO KSMSCL INCLUDIGN OST @	ANONDITA HEALTHCARE SUPPLYING TO TNMSC INCLUDIGN OST @	ANONDITA HEALTHCARE SUPPLYING TO OSMSCL INCLUDIGN GST @
1	Sterile1620222	28.11.3 Sterile surgical gloves (latex)(NA)6.5	ANONDITA HEALTHCARE	111.44000	94.64000	₹ 91.72
2	Sterile1620233	28.11.1 Sterile surgical gloves (latex)(NA)6	ANONDITA HEALTHCARE	111.44000	94.64000	₹ 91.72

> **"I have checked the records and found no complaints received from Government General Hospital on the sub-standard quality of surgical gloves**
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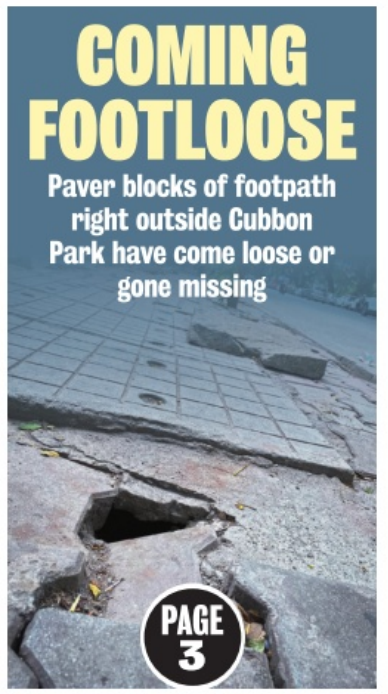
> — Chidananda Sadashiva Vatare, KSMSCL managing director



3 THINGS TO DO

01 Craft of shopping

'Indian Haat Festival' an exhibition-cum-sale of handicrafts is going on in the city. Special handicraft items from different parts of the country are available in this exhibition-cum-sale. Manufacturers are selling their products directly to the consumers at cost-effective prices. Artifacts, sarees, house-hold items, hosieries, ornamental items, intricately carved handicrafts and designer clothes are also on sale. **Where: Chitrakala Parishat; When: Till August 27**

02 Scholarship chance

Attakkalari Centre for Movement Arts, in collaboration with The Inlaks Shivdasani Foundation, is offering scholarships to two eligible candidates from India who secure admission to Attakkalari's Diploma Programme in Movement Arts and Pedagogy through the selection process. The scholarship will cover the entire tuition fees of Rs. 2,00,000/- for the first-year programme and provide the student Rs. 50,000/- to cover their expenses for the apprenticeship in the second year.
Where: For the form, copy this link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeyTznJM0svRtRhae7-1BVQYUAOTcitjTmPugB18Hf3ucE9tQ/viewform When: Final Date of application – August 25 – 5 pm

03 Very funny

Have a fun Sunday morning with stand-up comedy open mics on the stairs opposite to the High Court of Karnataka, Inside Cubbon Park (Not the outside gate). Come watch the budding stand-up comedians from the city, test out their new and old material every Sunday. If you can't find the location, find them on Instagram: Comics at Cubbon. **Where: Cubbon Park; When: Sundays 8.30 am (August 27)**

Life-saving devices to the rescue, coming soon

Automated external defibrillators to be set up at spaces such as malls, bus stands

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With an alarming rise in cases of heart attacks, particularly among the younger population, the Health Department is planning to install Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) in public spaces. Recognising the critical importance of the golden hour for treating heart attack cases, the utilisation of AEDs can significantly contribute to life-saving efforts. AEDs are designed to resuscitate individuals facing sudden cardiac arrest. Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Dinesh Gundu Rao said that government approval for this initiative has been granted. The health department is now in the process of procuring the necessary equipment and obtaining the required approvals. "This initiative goes beyond hospitals, as the plan aims to strategically place AEDs in public spaces such as malls and bus stands. The rationale behind this approach is to ensure that individuals experiencing heart attacks can be promptly attended to, potentially saving their lives through the use of AEDs before transferring them to a hospital. The execution of this plan is expected within the next one to one and a half months."

Recent incidents, including the tragic death of a 15-year-old girl during a morning walk and the passing of a 40-year-old Kannada actor due to a heart attack, have underscored the urgency of this initiative. Rao highlighted the significance of this move in light of the 'Ashakirana' scheme unveiled in the recent budget presentation by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah. This comprehensive program focuses on various health-related aspects, including eye camps, medical checkups, health camps, and the widespread deployment of AEDs in district and taluk hospitals. Alongside this, comprehensive health camps will identify patients with diabetes and high blood pressure, and efforts will be made to expand the availability of CT and MRI scanning services to all district hospitals. In line with fostering advancements in health technology, the establishment of the Karnataka Health Technology Laboratory is poised to position the state as a centre for health technology innovations.

Cardiologists stress that metabolic syndrome is prevalent in India due to the escalated consumption of refined carbohydrates over the past three decades. Even prior to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the age of concern for many public health experts in India has been 35. This alarming trend could be attributed to heightened stress levels and other mental health issues, potentially contributing to the premature onset of heart disease among the younger generation. Historically, stress has been linked to conditions such as strokes, high blood pressure, and diabetes in later life, while depression has been associated with heart attacks in later stages. Sedentary lifestyles leading to reduced physical fitness and obesity further compound the issue.

"A heart attack, also referred to as myocardial infarction, is primarily triggered by the narrowing or blockage of coronary arteries due to the accumulation of plaque.

This leads to insufficient blood and oxygen supply to the heart, resulting in the rapid death of heart tissues. Early indicators of a heart attack may encompass abrupt and intense chest pain, chest heaviness, shortness of breath, sweating, nausea and vomiting, loss of consciousness, and radiating pain extending to the jaw, upper neck, left arm, and even the little finger.

Occasionally, it might also manifest as pain in the chest's right side," said a cardiologist. Adding to this, another factor that can contribute to the trend could be the misconception that younger individuals are not susceptible to heart disease.

AEDs can be really helpful at places such as malls as if it is used properly, it can end up saving lives

> **"Early indicators of a heart attack may encompass abrupt and intense chest pain and heaviness, shortness of breath, etc**
> – City-based cardiologist

Wushu champs of Bengaluru go for gold

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A 12-member team from Bengaluru won 29 medals at 15th Hong Kong International Wushu Competition. The team won 28 gold medals and one silver medal at the competition held between August 14 and 18. Around 1,000 people participated from 35 countries.

"Our students participated in various bare hand, long weapon, short weapon and double weapon categories and won a total of 29 Medals with 28 gold and one silver. WuBin (father of modern wushu) was the chief guest at the competition who is a coach of famous Actor Jet Li. I am very happy Wubin was all praises for our team's performance and gave a very positive feedback on the students," said Keerthi BS Prasad, coach, Shaolin Wushu Cultural Centre, JP Nagar.

The team from Bengaluru poses with medals at Hong Kong's competition

He said that wushu is a martial art considered both as a sport and self-defence art with various styles of bare hand and weapons training. Wushu is categorised into Taolu (Individual performance of pre-choreographed steps) and Sanda (Fighting - Where one can win with maximum points by the end of bout or by a knockout). "Our team has been consistently winning medals since 2015 in various State, National and International competitions. Last year the team's performance in Moscow, Russia yielded 11 medals," he said.

He said that Kusuma N won three gold medals in long weapon, bare hand and double weapon. Monisha Bharadwaj won three gold medals in long weapon, bare hand, and Wing Chun. Uthkarsh K, the youngest participant in the group from NPS School JP Nagar, won two gold medals. Siddarth SJ won one silver in fighting and one gold in individual performance of bare hand event.

Uthkarsh told BM that he has been attending martial arts training for three years. "I am eight years old and a third grade student. I am very happy to win two gold medals," said Uthkarsh. Kusuma N, a homemaker, said that she won three gold medals.

Twisted paths in heart of the city

Footpaths outside Cubbon Park are clear indication of policy-makers' disregard for pedestrians

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Consider the irony in this situation. While Cubbon Park is a cherished haven for walkers, the periphery of Cubbon Park happens to be one of the most unfavourable places for pedestrians. The footpaths encircling Cubbon Park are marred by disrepair, leaving pedestrians at the mercy of luck to avoid accidents.

"Every morning, we eagerly wake up to spend tranquil moments in the lung space that is Cubbon Park. Yet, our stroll has become an ordeal due to the deplorable state of its footpaths.

Often, my friends come to visit from other cities, and we take them to Cubbon Park for a leisurely walk. To our dismay, they are taken aback by the abysmal condition of the footpaths.

They question why these footpaths are so woefully neglected, especially given their close proximity to the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahangara Palike (BBMP) office. Why are the officials ignoring this issue?" said Preeti Nandeesh, a regular visitor to the park.

Closer examination of these footpaths reveal that they were constructed using paver blocks. While these blocks are employed for easy removal in case of road excavation, proper compaction of the surface is imperative when relaying the paver blocks after a dig-up. Unfortunately, the paver blocks are laid without proper compaction, resulting in gradual surface erosion and disintegration. This oversight causes more harm than benefit.

"Walking on these uneven blocks poses significant risks, as the gaps between them can cause twisted ankles, as some blocks are even missing. At some patches, there are wide gaps, posing a hazard for unsuspecting pedestrians who might accidentally step into them and risk a fall. Nighttimes or walks during rainy days could be quite risky here too as it is not just slushly but also a test of one's ankles," said Nitya K, a regular walker. These footpaths also are the route for those heading towards Kanteerava Stadium. The stadium witnesses hundreds flocking daily for sporting activities, and they too face the danger.

> **"I wonder why no action is being taken. The technical snag is just a small issue as many of the ambulances are grounded and not operational due to mechanical fault including tyre bursts**

"The state of these footpaths leaves us wondering why such a critical aspect of urban infrastructure is so severely neglected. Several footpaths have deteriorated into dumping grounds, with people using them to discard waste, chew pan, and spit on them.

This unsightly scene tarnishes not only the walking experience but also the city's image, particularly considering Cubbon Park's prominence as a highly visited spot by outsiders. Trash has been carelessly tossed, and unfortunately, regular cleaning is absent," said Rajesh Kumar, another park visitor.

Dedicated walkers assert that the time has come for a comprehensive revitalisation of the entire network of footpaths encompassing Cubbon Park. This goes beyond mere aesthetics, as the well-being of walkers is at stake, they say.

"While the government allocates substantial funds for constructing flyovers to cater to motorists, the humble plea of pedestrians for well-maintained footpaths remains largely unaddressed. It is crucial to remember that pedestrians, too, deserve attention and care in the development and maintenance of urban infrastructure," said Suneetha D, another walker.

Juicy reward awaits all you ploggers out there

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Eat Raja, a pioneering cafe known for its unique zero-waste approach, serves juice not in plastic cups or with straws, but in fruit shells with straws made of banana leaves.

Anand Raaj, launched a community initiative, 'Plog for Juice', aimed at keeping the surroundings clean while acknowledging the efforts of litter-conscious individuals. The initiative involves offering free juice to those who participate in 'plogging', the act of picking up trash while jogging, in the vicinity of the cafe.

Raaj told BM about the inspiration behind the initiative. He said, "Having experienced the challenges of waste segregation firsthand, I empathise with the daily struggle of pourakarmikas. This led me to create an initiative that appreciates the commitment of those who choose to plog. We're rewarding them with our special 'Plog Raja' juice. I have even seen Raj known as Plogman from Ploggers Army who makes it a point to plog every week and does a great job. When I went on an overseas trip, I saw very clean beaches. I saw a cafe where they had put a board stating that if people pick the trash, then we can have tea and chat. That inspired

me and I decided to come up with this initiative in Bengaluru "

The 'Plog for Juice' campaign was inaugurated alongside the opening of Eat Raja's new store on Brigade Road. Participants of the initiative will receive the exclusive "Plog Raja" juice as a token of gratitude for their contribution towards maintaining a cleaner environment.

Eat Raja had initially adopted eco-friendly practices by using biodegradable and reusable cups. However, Raaj realised the need for further innovation: "We observed that even these cups contributed to landfill waste and excessive water usage. This realisation inspired us to introduce unique concepts such as the beloved Chilli Guava Shots and the 'Cycle Mixie,' empowering customers to juice their own fruit pulp."

Where are Jaya's assets?

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A social activist has written to the Principal Secretary of Law Department recently appealing to call for all the immovable properties and movable properties handed over by the Directorate of Vigilance and Anti-Corruption (DAVC), Chennai to V Bhaskaran, Secretary to J Jayalalitha.

T Narasimha Murthy, a social activist, in the letter to the Principal Secretary of Law Department, stated that movable and immovable properties of Jayalalitha were handed over to Bhaskaran on the condition that the properties be produced before the honourable court as and when required.

"I submit that on June 3, 2023, when the case came for hearing before the 32rd Additional City Civil Sessions Judge and Special Judge for CBI cases, the honourable judge said that only 30 kg of valuables (such as gold, diamond, ruby, emerald, pearls, turquoise, multi color stones) were in custody of this honourable court and remaining items not known," Murthy said in the letter.

In the letter, he stated that Additional Superintendent of Police, Directorate of Vigilance and Anti-Corruption handed over all the properties to Bhaskaran on the condition that the properties should be produced before the court as and when required and the same was admitted by the DVAC, Chennai to his RTI query dated July 10, 2023.

"I request your good office to direct the people to handover all the disproportionate assets worth several crores of rupees handed to Bhaskaran on December 12, 1996 by the Additional Superintendent of Police, DVAC, Chennai, before the special court in Bengaluru for disposal of properties accordingly," he said.

The movable properties include 11,344 sarees, 44 ACs, 33 telephone/intercom, 131 suitcases, 91 wrist watches, 27 wall clocks, 86 fans, 146 decorated chairs, 34 teapoys, 31 tables, 24 cots, nine dressing tables, 81 hanging lights, 20 sofa sets, 750 decorated chappals, 31 dressing table mirrors, 215 crystal cut glasses, three iron locks, 250 shawls, 12 refrigerators, Rs 1,60,514 and Rs 32,688 cash, 10 television sets, eight VCRs, one video camera, four CD players, two audio decks, 24 two-in-one tape recorders, and 1,040 video cassettes.

Once brought back to life, lake is being killed again

After spotting several dead fish floating in Chikkanagamangala Lake, residents of area fear leachate from SWM plant is poisoning lake water

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Dead fish were seen floating on the 46-acre Chikkanagamangala Lake, on Sunday. The lake had been restored to its old glory only in 2020, but sewage entering it has caused fast deterioration of water quality

The 46-acre Chikkanagamangala Lake that was restored back to life in 2020 was one of the most beautiful lakes in the city. But, Sunday proved to be a shocker for residents when they spotted hundreds of dead fish floating on the lake. Most of them suspect it is the inflow from the nearby solid waste management (SWM) plant in Chikkanagamangala that has caused the death of the fish. The lake's water quality has been deteriorating, and it was starting to turn green with algae formation, alozza and water lettuce filled in the lake.

The solid waste management (SWM) plant in Chikkanagamangala has always been in the news for years with the residents complaining about the stench emanating from the plant and the waste generated from the plant being dumped in the periphery of the lake. The residents told BM that the leachate was also being let into the lake that has now ended up killing the fish.

Lake Activist Anand Malligavad who has restored around 30 lakes also was involved in rejuvenating the Chikkanagamangala Lake. He recalled the hardships they had to go through to restore the lake. He stated that in 2020, Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, Biocon Limited's Chairperson and Managing Director, contacted Malligavad and discussed with him about lake restoration. "When I inspected the lake, over 10 acres of the lake was filled with debris and the Karnataka Forest Department (KFD) had planted acacia and julie flora. This apart, there was naturally grown eucalyptus and bamboo. The entire lake had become a forest. The lake was completely dry like it didn't exist. This apart, 10-15 acres of the lake was occupied with agricultural work by farmers. Through the funds received from Mazumdar-Shaw philanthropy, the lake was taken up for restoration."

Malligavad explained that 60% of the tree cover was retained and the rest was removed. While removing the agricultural land many of the farmers were also against the move. "We took around 90-100 days to desilt the entire lake and created walking paths and made borders at the lake. We made an elevated walking track so that dumping is prevented. Inlet and outlet channels were also constructed. Between July - September, I restored the lake and in October with continuous rains, the entire lake was filled and restored," said Malligavad.

> **"With a lot of effort, we restored the lake. But in two years, it has gone back into a bad state. Leachate entering the lake will hit its water quality**
>
> – Anand Malligavad, activist

However, he stated that the lake which was looking beautiful has now turned green with poor water quality as the leachate from the SWM has been entering the lake and sewage from the nearby Sumukha Layout and Shantipura gram panchayat too has been entering through the water channels. "With a lot of effort, we restored the lake. But in about two years, it has gone back into a bad state. The leachate entering the lake will only reduce the water quality of the lake. Leachate has excess nutrients and the inflow of it will reduce the oxygen content and result in death of fish," said Malligavad.

Pranay Dubey, a resident of Electronic City phase two, said, "Despite the complaints, nothing has changed. The leachate is still released from the SWM plant. On Sunday residents observed hundreds of dead fish. In October - December every year we have to bear with the foul smell from the plant as the wind blows in this direction. Now we are worried that this year too the situation will be the same."

Another resident said it was shocking to see the large number of dead fish floating in the lake. "A thorough enquiry should be done on the lake's water quality. The lake should be saved as it has got a beautiful surroundings," the resident said.

DWCC pay: Some dues cleared; 39 wards yet to get anything

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File photo of a protest by DWCC operators over the dues pending to them

BBMP has paid an estimated Rs 80,16,583 to dry waste collection centre (DWCC) operators across seven wards and the remaining wards would be paid in a month, it said. Payments running up to Rs 9 crore are pending to DWCCs. As of now, 8.5 per cent of the total dues have been cleared and the remaining dues for 39 wards is likely to be completed within a month. Payments have been processed in wards under Jayanagar and Mahalakshmi Layout divisions. According to the online petition raised by Thyajya Shramika Sangha Hasiru Dala, Swachha, and Gilgal Charitable Trust, BBMP owed pay for 980 months worth Rs 9,41,03,212 across 46 wards.

As per the online petition, "The MoA signed by BBMP with the operators for the centres says that they would be paid Rs 56,316 for collection of dry waste for six months and a circular dated March 17, 2021, it is mentioned that they will be paid Rs 23,316 per month if the BBMP doesn't provide the vehicles."

The petition had also alleged that 'the authorisation for the payment has been made on paper, but actual funds have not been received.' The online petition was made to Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar and BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Girinath.

BBMP officials had previously stated that they would look into the allegations made in the online petition and will make payments if necessary. While BBMP has started making payments to DWCCs, a larger chunk of the payment is yet to be made. Among the list of wards with the most pending dues is Kamakshipalya DWCC in Rajajinagar for Rs 3,669,540 for 42 months, followed by Shantinagar DWCC of Rs 3,669,540.00 for 35 months, and 28 months of dues in multiple DWCCS across Yelahanka, and Shanthinagar.

Additionally, the state government had also announced that a special investigative team probing the projects approved by the previous BJP government will also be looking into NGOs working in the waste management sector. The move comes in the light of BBMP losing crores of rupees in the form of revenue.

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Shoppers' stop
Chamarajpet

Footpaths at Chamarjapet's 2nd Cross are now a space to sell jackets, which is also causing bottlenecks on the road caused by buyers who park on the road. This situation has led to long traffic jams.

Waste problem
Gavipura

Gavipura residents are troubled by the stench emanating from a garbage collection spot before the 2nd Cross on Masti Venkatesh Iyengar Road. This issue is also causing health problems.

Trip and fall
Residency Road

There is a Stone War Memorial on Residency Road, Ward Shanthala Nagar, but even a place that should attract visitors only has poorly maintained footpaths, some stretches of which are dangerous.

Rush-hour Varthur: BMTC urged to start bus service

Most people using private vehicles from Balagere to ORR, Kadubeesanahalli, Whitefield so peak hour traffic unbearable; buses answer to woes, citizens say

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Usually all roads in Whitefield and Kadubeesanahalli are jam-packed

Residents of Varthur have revived their request for the Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) to introduce mini-bus services connecting Balagere to the Outer Ring Road (ORR), Kadubeesanahalli, Whitefield, and ITPL during peak hours.

They have noted that apartments such as Sobha Dream Acres in the area have close to 4,000 flats, housing more than 7,000 people – many of whom use their private vehicles or other modes of transport such as autos or cabs as a reliable public transport system is not available in the locality.

Residents had earlier requested the BMTC to run services from 7-11 am with a frequency of 30 minutes and return trip services from 4-10 pm, with a halt time spanning 1-2 minutes. If implemented, residents say that a majority of private vehicle users will be encouraged to make a shift to public transport. The phenomenon would naturally reduce the number of private two and four-wheelers plying on roads, decreasing the level of congestion and traffic. They have also noted that the mini-bus services would ensure women, children, and the elderly among other groups have a safe travel.

Abhijith Lodh, a resident of the apartment and an IT employee requiring travelling to his workplace on the Outer Ring Road, said that the mini-bus service would definitely receive a positive response as the current condition of traffic congestion in the area is unbearable. He noted that residents have consistently complained of the Panathur Railway Underbridge (RUB) and the area surrounding the Varthur Police station being a gridlock, despite multiple follow-ups with relevant authorities.

> **“There has not been any action on this request to BMTC, even though this is a solid case to help decongest the city and get more people to use BMTC service**
>
> –Resident of the area

People from Varthur, Panathur, and Gunjur take the same route through Balagere road leading to congestion, he explained. The narrow Panathur RUB is infamous for being flooded even after small spells of rain, restricting the smooth flow of vehicles as it can accommodate only a single four-wheeler at a time.

“The BMTC need not provide their services through the day but only during the hours that will be convenient to office goers. Since commoners do not have any other option, they are choosing to travel in their private vehicles or using autos. If the shuttle-like services are introduced, the congestion may see a significant decrease,” he said. Another resident from the apartment complex said, “There has not been any action on this request to BMTC, even though this is a solid case to help decongest the city and get more people to use BMTC service.”

40-time offender poses with challan, netizens fume

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Traffic Police on Saturday nabbed a two-wheeler rider, who had 40 cases pending against him. The police asked the owner of the two-wheeler to pay a fine of Rs 12,000 which was an accumulated amount of all the pending amounts. They also proudly shared a picture of him on social media.

The man was caught in Talaghattapura police station limits. When they caught him the skeletons in his cupboard came tumbling out and the police fined him on the spot. On X, the traffic police stated, “A total of 40 pending cases paid Rs 12,000.”

This picture after the challan was deducted is being shared on social media and it got mixed reactions after the violator posed for a picture with his long traffic challan. While a few netizens said that the man looks proud of the challan, others said that because the driver is a repeat offender, his licence should be cancelled.

“Collection of fines is not really your job, unless you think it is. Should you not recommend to the RTO to cancel his driving licence with immediate effect? Perhaps he needs counselling. Otherwise, you will post another photo with him next year too,” said Ravinder, a user.

Another netizen added that, “He will have another 10-15 tickets again. DL should be cancelled after 10 violations. If found riding without a DL, should be jailed at least for six months.”

In order to identify traffic offences and offenders, the Bengaluru Traffic Police has implemented an Intelligent Traffic Management System (ITMS) in the city. The AI system can identify speed limit infractions, signal jumping, and cell phone use while driving etc.

38% of Gruha Jyothi applicants had to foot the bill anyway

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Over 45 lakh applicants had to pay

If you’re under the impression that being eligible for Gruha Jyothi allows you to consume more power without having to pay, we have to burst your bubble. As per the records, approximately 38% of individuals who registered for Gruha Jyothi scheme find themselves ‘compelled’ to pay electricity bills, as they have exceeded the entitled units (EU).

According to sources from the Energy Department, a staggering 1,40,31,320 applications were submitted to avail of free power. However, subsequent evaluation identified that out of this, only 1,19,38,402 applicants were deemed eligible. Among these, a notable 74,08,769 applicants did reap the benefits of the provision of free power. This translates to roughly 62.19% of eligible applicants who have got zero bills under the Gruha Jyothi scheme. A significant 45,29,633 applicants found themselves having to pay either partial or full bills.

Gopal K, a resident of Bhuvaneshwari Nagar, expressed his astonishment, stating, “I was taken aback to discover that my entitled units were 56, and my bill from the previous month indicated that I had consumed six units more than the entitlement. This seems unjust, as even those with lower levels of consumption should receive more benefits.”

On a contrasting note, R Lakshmi, a resident of Defence Colony, shared that their bill indicated that their entitled units were 143. “Yet, this month, my consumption reached 170 units. I now realise that even individuals eligible for Gruha Jyothi might end up paying more during the summer months. Many consumers are currently refraining from regular use of fans or air conditioners due to the pleasant weather. However, in the summer when power consumption rises, we’ll be compelled to pay more.”

A BESCOM official clarified that one of the prerequisites for the Gruha Jyothi scheme was that beneficiaries consuming less than 200 units would qualify. “This is based on the average monthly electricity consumption in the preceding financial year. Thus, consumers using electricity at rates of 100, 120, 150, or 180 units in June, July, or August, but who had previously used 200 units per month, will become ineligible.” The question is when would these consumers regain eligibility. The official said, “This depends on the government’s future decision, taking into consideration their consumption being below 200 units for the next year.”

BESCOM officials also outlined various scenarios for bill calculations. In cases where consumption is below or equal to the EU, a zero bill is generated, and no payment is required. For new connections, EU is set at 58 units, with subsidies applicable for these units, and the remaining units are chargeable. If access to the meter is obstructed, the average consumption is considered as the monthly value. For vacant premises, zero bills are prepared; in the event of a malfunctioning meter, the meter’s average consumption serves as monthly value, with subsidies as per EU and the excess chargeable.

No fear, these villages prefer to celebrate scorpions

In Scorpion festival, villagers hold scorpions, in their hands, chins, and on their tongues as they are harmless

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Scorpion Festival is an extraordinary tradition that has put Kandukur village in Yadgir district on the map

Most of us share the fear of scorpions but imagine a village where residents not only overcome that fear but embrace these arachnids once a year in a unique festival. Welcome to the Scorpion Festival, an extraordinary tradition that has put Kandukur village in Yadgir district on the map. This unusual festival has gained such fame that neighbouring villagers eagerly make their way here annually to join in the scorpion festivities.

While Nagara Panchami is traditionally marked by offering prayers to ant hills across the state, Kandukur village takes a different approach. On this auspicious day, the Kondammadevi Fair in Gurmitkal taluk transforms into an informal scorpion celebration, attracting locals and visitors alike. Participants gather these daring creatures, holding them in their hands, placing them on their chins, and astonishingly, even on their tongues. The scorpions are believed to be harmless, with locals asserting that their stings lack venom. Curiously, locals claim that these scorpions seem to appear exclusively on Nagara Panchami day.

The allure of this festival extends beyond the state's borders, drawing crowds from nearby Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, and Maharashtra. What was once a humble local tradition has evolved into a noteworthy event where playing with scorpions is the highlight. Channamma Gadad, a local participant, attested, "I visit this temple on Nagara Panchami day without fail. Playing with scorpions has been a lifelong experience for me, and I've never been harmed. I spent entire days atop the hillock when I was young, encountering very few people. Now, the festival has grown in significance, attracting a large crowd."

Rakesh Kore, another local, stated that the festival's uniqueness and its potential transformed into a national attraction. "This extraordinary festival deserves greater recognition," he said. "The state government should step in to enhance the festivities, turning it into a major tourist attraction. This could significantly benefit the backward Yadgir district by attracting tourists and boosting its tourism potential. As visitors and locals alike gather to play with these remarkable creatures, the village comes alive with excitement, laughter, and a shared sense of wonder. The Scorpion Festival is not just about breaking barriers of fear; it's about uniting people, fostering a sense of community, and celebrating the remarkable diversity of traditions that make our world so fascinating. So, if you're seeking an extraordinary and one-of-a-kind experience, consider adding the Scorpion Festival in Kandukur village to your bucket list. It's a chance to witness a tradition that defies convention and showcases the incredible spirit of the local community."

> **"The Scorpion festival is not just about breaking barriers of fear, but uniting people, fostering a sense of community and celebrating the remarkable diversity of traditions** –Rakesh Kore

The destination is approximately 517 kilometres away from Bengaluru. From Yadgir district, take the Gurmitkal Narayanpet road, 25 kilometres stretch till the Kandakura gate. Take a left turn, after a kilometre, the Kondamma Devi temple will arrive, adjacent to the temple lies a small hillock accessible by steps, where the unique Scorpion Festival unfolds.

Karnataka family found dead in US

An Indian couple and their six-year-old son have been found dead in the US state of Maryland in a suspected case of double suicide-murder, police said.

The deceased originally from Karnataka have been identified as Yogesh H Nagarajappa (37), Prathiba Y Amarnath (37), and Yash Honnal (6), were found dead from gunshot wounds in their Baltimore County home on Friday. Police responded to a welfare check around noon, on Saturday. Police also identified them as husband, wife and son. Baltimore County Police spokesperson Anthony Shelton was quoted, "Based on the initial investigation, the incident is believed to be a double murder-suicide that Nagarajappa committed."

Baltimore County Police spokesperson Anthony Shelton was quoted as saying by The Baltimore Sun newspaper. "Each appeared to suffer from an apparent gunshot wound," Shelton added. The family had not been seen since Tuesday evening, and the tragic discovery was made when officers arrived at their residence. An autopsy is scheduled to determine the exact cause and manner of death. "I am heartbroken and deeply saddened for the innocent victims whose lives were cut short by this horrific act. We will do everything possible to assist family and community members following this tragic incident," a statement by Baltimore County Executive Johnny Olszewski.

Police said that there was no threat to the surrounding communities. The family was from Hallekallu village in Jagalur Taluk of Davangere district and had been living in Baltimore, Maryland, USA for the past nine years. Yogesh's mother Shobha said it's been nine years since her son got married. Soon after the marriage, the couple went to the USA and had been staying there since then. "Police called my second son who stays in America and told him about the incident. He informed us about the incident but did not disclose the reason," said Shobha.

"We don't know what happened and when this happened. We only got to know that the deaths have happened. No information reached us as to how it happened, whether they did it or someone else did it." said Shobha.

NOTES FROM THE FIELD

First-grader 'Cop' wish fulfilled

In an unexpected turn of events, a pint-sized hero emerged in Shivamogga. First-grade student Azan Khan, battling heart issues, had a heartfelt wish to be a police officer, if only for a day. Responding to his father's request, Shivamogga's senior police officials made it happen. Azan arrived at the station in full uniform, hopped into a police jeep, and proudly lived his dream. When asked about his aspiration, he grinned and stated his desire to serve society as a police officer.

Temples run in Dhoti

Meanwhile, former CM HD Kumaraswamy has caught the travel bug, jetting off to various international destinations. Fresh from his European escapade, he embarked on a journey to Cambodia. Why the globe trotting? It turns out the mesmerising Khmer temples in Cambodia left him awe-inspired. HDK admitted that the grandeur of the temples was so captivating that he couldn't resist a return trip to delve deeper into their marvels. His recent trendsetting moment was flaunting a dhoti while exploring the majestic Angkor Wat temples, leaving social media abuzz.

Phone switched off, why?

Whispers of political tides changing course have been stirring the air, with intriguing rumours hinting at the potential jump of a few BJP legislators into the ruling party's fold. Among the prominent names surfacing in this intriguing tale is Mahalakshmi Layout MLA, K Gopalaiah. Adding an enigmatic twist to the saga, Gopalaiah's phone mysteriously remained switched off on Thursday, leaving even seasoned saffron party leaders perplexed in their attempts to reach him. Yet, when the curious press cornered him for answers, Gopalaiah spun a different narrative. With a wry smile, he affirmed his loyalty to the BJP. "As the rumours took flight, my phone's inbox transformed into a bustling beehive, buzzing with over a thousand calls. With the swarm becoming a bit overwhelming, I simply decided to put my phone on silent mode," he chuckled.

Rumours swirl around parties

Rumours have been swirling about the possible party switch of former BJP minister and current Yeshwanthpur MLA, ST Somashekar. Whispers suggest a potential return to the Congress party, a claim he swiftly denied. While praising Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, he clarified that fostering a positive relationship was vital for his constituency's welfare, rather than a sign of political flip-flopping.

Top selling numbers on auction

The Transport Department recently staged a spectacle by auctioning off 24 fancy license plate numbers, a dazzling showcase that amassed a staggering Rs 75 lakh. Mallikarjun, the Additional Commissioner of the Transport Department, couldn't contain his excitement as he unveiled the top-selling numbers. "KA 05 saw the highest demand, and NJ 0001 emerged as the pièce de résistance, commanding an astonishing bid of Rs 20,75,000. Following closely behind, the digits 555 secured an impressive Rs 3.25 lakh, and the iconic quartet 9999 claimed its own spotlight with an impressive bid of Rs 3.05 lakh."

Power outages in city and state

Unscheduled power outages have impacted various parts of the state, leading to public concerns. The Energy Minister KJ acknowledged that disruptions occurred due to power supply shutdowns from the Raichur station, resulting in peak demand surging to 15,000 MW per day. The government assured necessary measures are being taken by the government to address the situation. Shivakumar personally experienced a power cut during a speech at the KPCC office. **–Sridhar Vivan**

Cauvery row: K'taka calls all-party meet on Aug 23

Deputy CM says they have also called some senior Parliament members to meeting to reach a solution to long-pending issue involving Karnataka and Tamil Nadu

Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Sunday said that the state government has called for an all-party meeting on water disputes related to Cauvery (Kaveri) on August 23.

Shivakumar said that they have also called some senior Parliament members to be part of the meeting to reach a solution to this long pending issue involving Karnataka and Tamil Nadu.

"Karnataka government is calling an all-party meeting on water disputes related to Cauvery...it is on Wednesday (23rd August). I have called some senior Parliament members to be part of the meeting...to seek the solution we have called this meeting," said Karnataka Dy CM DK Shivakumar.

Shivakumar had on Thursday said that they will request the Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) to reconsider its decision on sharing water with Tamil Nadu.

CWMA has instructed the Karnataka government to release 10,000 cusecs of water to Tamil Nadu over the next 15 days at a time when the state was grappling with water shortage. Speaking to ANI, Deputy CM Shivakumar said, "We received an instruction that we have to release 10,000 cusecs of water (from Cauvery) for 15 days. We are aware that the state is currently grappling with a water crisis. We are facing severe drought in some areas."

"Still, in compliance with the Supreme Court directive, we have released the water (from the Cauvery) over the last four to five days. However, we urge the authority to reconsider the decision (to release water to Tamil Nadu) as it might have a direct impact on the availability of potable water here in Karnataka," the Deputy CM added.

The Cauvery Water Management Authority has instructed the Karnataka government to release 10,000 cusecs of water to Tamil Nadu over the next 15 days

Meanwhile, weighing in on the issue, former chief minister Basavaraj Bommai on Thursday said the Congress government has betrayed farmers in the state as it did not put forward their plight before the Cauvery Water Management Authority.

"Congress government has betrayed the farmers, especially those inhabiting the Cauvery river basin. They did not fight their case before the CWMA. Now, they should stand up for our farmers before the Supreme Court and argue our case on merit rather than meekly surrendering to the authority and giving away water (to Tamil Nadu). This is dhokha (betrayal) with our farmers," former chief minister Basavaraj Bommai said.

> **"We are aware that the state is grappling with a water crisis. We are facing severe drought in some areas. Still we have released water**
>
> – DK Shivakumar

The Cauvery is an interstate basin that originates in Karnataka and passes through Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry before draining into the Bay of Bengal.

The total watershed of the Cauvery basin is 81,155 sq km, of which the river's catchment area is about 34,273 sq km in Karnataka, 2,866 sq km in Kerala and the remaining 44,016 sq km in Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry. **– ANI**

No collateral damage reported after Tapas drone crash in Karnataka: DRDO

There was no collateral damage from the Tapas unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) which crashed in Karnataka on Sunday morning, DRDO said.

"TAPAS UAV was undergoing an experimental flight trial today morning from ATR Challakere, Karnataka. During the flight, a technical snag was encountered and the UAV crashed in a nearby farmland. The technical reason is being investigated and there is no collateral damage," DRDO posted on X, formerly Twitter.

A Tapas unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) crashed in agriculture fields near a village in Karnataka's Chitradurga on Sunday morning, officials had said.

Visuals from the site showed that the damaged UAV and its equipment inside lay scattered on the field.

Tactical Airborne Platform for Aerial Surveillance-Beyond Horizon-201 or Tapas BH-201 is a long-endurance unmanned aerial vehicle that used to be previously referred to as Rustom-II **– ANI**

A Tapas drone crashed during a trial flight in Chitradurga

'Reckless registration of crime', says High Court on case against Nadda

The High Court of Karnataka has quashed the criminal proceedings in a case registered against BJP president J P Nadda in connection with a speech delivered ahead of the assembly elections in May in Vijayapura district, and called it a "reckless registration of crime." A complaint, alleging that Nadda threatened voters at a public meeting by stating that they would lose the benefit of central schemes if the BJP was not voted, was lodged by an election officer at the Harapanahalli police station on May 9 under Section 171F, which is a non-cognizable offence.

It was then forwarded to the Magistrate, who granted permission for registration of FIR.

Subsequently, Nadda had challenged it before the High Court.

Justice M Nagarpasanna, who heard the arguments of Nadda's counsel and the government advocate recently, said the allegations were vague. "The allegation is that Code of Conduct has been violated by the petitioner, on speaking at a public gathering on 07-05-2023 by threatening the voters. The complaint is so vague that it would daunt vagueness itself.

On such a vague complaint which is loosely made against the petitioner, the crime in Crime No.89 of 2023 is registered and the Damocles sword of crime is left hanging on the petitioner projecting it to be an offence," he said. The copy of the complaint was quoted by the HC in its judgement which only states that Nadda had violated the code of conduct and does not make mention of any details.

The HC further observed that allowing the criminal proceedings would be an abuse of law.

"If on the aforesaid facts further investigation is permitted to continue against the petitioner it would become a classic case of permitting investigation in a reckless registration of crime which on the face of it, would become an abuse of the process of law." Citing a Supreme Court judgement in a case, the HC said that three of the seven postulates laid down by the Apex Court in it were applicable in the current case.

HC said it was not necessary to remit it back to the Magistrate court

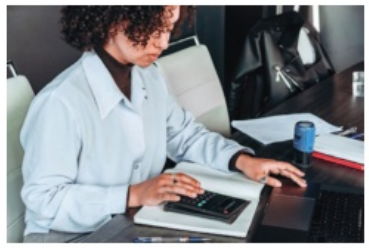
"The first postulate is that where the allegations are taken on their face value they would not make out a case against the accused. The fifth postulate is that where the allegations in the FIR are so absurd and inherently improbable, it would be a sufficient ground to quash the proceedings.

The seventh postulate is where a criminal proceeding is manifestly attended with mala fides or is maliciously instituted with a view to spite the accused, such proceedings should be quashed," the HC quoted the three postulates and said these were "completely applicable to the facts of the case at hand."

Since the HC decided the case on merits, it said it was not necessary to remit it back to the Magistrate court.

"In the light of the issue being answered on the merit of the matter itself, the submission with regard to non-application of mind by the learned Magistrate while granting permission for registration of FIR and on that score matter being remitted back to the learned Magistrate for reconsideration, would pale into insignificance," the judge said allowing the petition. **– PTI**

Six income tax notices a salaried individual can get



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If an error is found in your filed ITR, the income tax department can send you an income tax notice. According to tax experts and chartered accountants, there are broadly six types of income tax notices that a salaried individual may receive from the income tax department.

1. Section 143 (1) notice: Intimation notice

This notice is sent to an individual after the income tax department processes the ITR. The notice informs an individual whether his ITR calculations match with that of the income tax department. If there is a mismatch, then this intimation notice will inform whether there is a refund due or additional taxes are payable. An individual will get this notice, even if there is no mismatch or error in the ITR.

2. Section 139(9): Defective ITR

According to Archit Gupta, founder, Clear, a tax filing platform, "Notice under section 139(9) of the Income Tax Act, 1961 is sent when there are some errors in the filed ITR. The tax department will send this tax notice requiring the assessee to correct the errors by filing a revised ITR."

Some of the common reasons to receive this income tax notice according to Gupta are as follows:

Tax exemption on house rent allowance claimed in the ITR but breakup of salary not showing HRA component.

3. Section 142: Inquiry before scrutiny assessment

The reason this notice is issued is that the income tax department wants to seek clarification why ITR was not filed, despite the individual earning an income above the basic exemption and evidence of various sources of income being present in AIS, etc.

4. Section 143 (2): Scrutiny assessment

This income tax notice is sent to the salaried individual to do a detailed assessment of the ITR and confirm the correctness and genuineness of incomes and deductions claimed in the ITR.

"Notice under section 143(2) of the Income Tax Act, 1961 would be issued to the individual for the purpose of making scrutiny assessment under section 143(3)," says Surana.

When can this notice be issued: According to Maheshwari, in case the ITR has been selected for scrutiny, then notice under section 143(2) can be issued "within three months from the end of the financial year in which the return is filed." For FY 2022-23 (AY 2023-24), the tax department can send this notice on or before June 30, 2024.

Time limit to respond: The time limit to respond to such notice would be mentioned in the notice itself.

5. Section 148: Income escaping assessment

This tax notice is issued when the assessing officer (AO) has any information which suggests that a certain income of an individual has escaped assessment in the previous year. This means that an individual has not reported certain income in the ITR filed in the previous year.

When can this notice be issued: The time period for issuing a notice under this section depends on the amount of income that has escaped from assessment. The tax notice will be issued within 3 years from the end of the relevant assessment year if income is below Rs 50 lakh.

Time limit to respond to such notice: The notice will mention the time limit for response.

6. Section 245: Adjustment of tax payable with refund amount

The income tax department has the power to set off income tax refunds due for a particular year against an outstanding demand of previous years. This adjustment only happens if there are outstanding income tax dues or tax refund due in the current year.

When can this notice be issued: "There is no time limit for issuing this tax notice under section 245. This means that if as per the income tax department, a taxpayer has an outstanding tax demand for FY 1999-2000 (AY 2000-01), and for FY 2022-23 (AY 2023-24) has a tax refund due, then tax officer can set off the refund with the outstanding demand," says Maheshwari.

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Glove it or hate it? Extra pay, low quality

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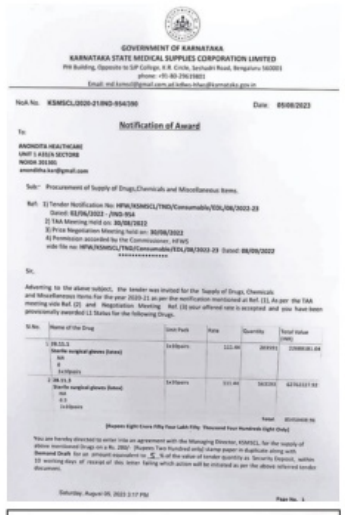
Family Welfare Principal Secretary, bothered to negotiate or cancel the contract despite having received detailed letters on misappropriation of money.

As per the Fall Clause of the contract, the bidder has to undertake that he has not supplied/supplying a similar product at a price lower than that offered in the present bid (contract/tender) to any other government/government organisations in the country under similar terms and conditions. If violated, the difference amount would be refunded by the bidder to the buyer if the contract has already been concluded/payment made.

Vijay Shetty from Mangaluru wrote letters to Commissioner, Health and Family Welfare Services, and Principal Secretary, Health and Family Welfare Services on August 8 about the urgent need for investigation into alleged misappropriation of funds and irregularities in issuing of additional notification of award/purchase orders. The copy of the letter is available with Bangalore Mirror.

A doctor from Government General Hospital, Jayanagar, questioned the logic behind awarding the contract to the same supplier who supplied sub-standard surgical gloves in March.

He said that a group of doctors working at the Government General Hospital, Jayanagar had written a letter to the Medical Superintendent of the hospital requesting him to change the brand of surgical gloves. "The KSMSCL must cancel the contract immediately. The higher authorities must order an inquiry into it," said the doctor.



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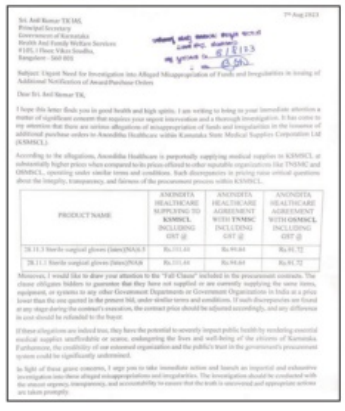

Notification of Award and Letter to the Principal Secretary, Health and Family Welfare Services

Bangalore Mirror had published a story – Glove affair – on March 17, 2023, about how the KSMSCL failed to check the quality of those surgical gloves and how it led to doctors suffering from dermatitis and allergic reactions. The doctors requested the Medical Superintendent to change the brand of surgical gloves that they were using in labour room and operation theaters.

The letter to the Medical Superintendent has also clearly mentioned the number of batches of the surgical gloves as ARP 320 with manufacturing date August 2022 and expiry date as July 2027 and AM2211016 with manufacturing date November 2022 and expiry date October 2025. The Medical Superintendent acknowledged having received the letter from the doctors. However, the KSMSCL preferred the same supplier to supply 1,66,784 pairs of surgical gloves.

Meanwhile, KSMSCL managing director Chidananda Sadashiva Vatare told BM that he has assumed office only recently. "I have checked the records and found no complaints received from Government General Hospital on the sub-standard quality of surgical gloves," said Vatare.

On the price difference, he said the supplier entered a two-year rate contract with Tamil Nadu Government while it is an annual contract tender with Karnataka Government. "We are contemplating to get into a two-year rate contract to save money," he said, adding that a supplier can be blacklisted if two batches of products supplied by them are found to be sub-standard.

However, Health and Family Welfare Services Commissioner D Randeep said that he has asked the KSMSCL managing director to look into this. ""He mentioned that the said Fall Clause does not include the agreement signed. I have also asked the managing director to verify if Fall Clause is part of the standard bidding document under the KTPP Act or not," said Randeep.

HEALTH TIP: Increasing the consumption of legumes, such as peas and faba beans and reducing red meat consumption is safe for bone health and protein intake

Nuts like almonds, hazelnuts, and peanuts, as well as sunflower seeds, are excellent sources of vitamin E

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Down memory lane

Survey shows nostalgia is biggest matchmaker among GenZ and early millennials

Nostalgia is a powerful emotion that plays a significant role in matchmaking among the younger generations- the GenZ and the Millennials. For this, dating app QuackQuack conducted a comprehensive survey using a structured questionnaire to explore and study the degree to which nostalgia acts as a matchmaker among these age groups. A total of 12,000 individuals between 18 to 32 from both Tier 1 and Tier 2 cities participated in the survey. The population consisted of GenZ and Millennials, with 48 per cent of participants identifying as female and 52 per cent identifying as male.

Good Old Days

26 per cent of daters, both GenZ, and Millennials, explain how they love building new connections based on shared nostalgia- cartoons, pop culture references, TV shows, movies, and music- seem to be a big hit among these people. It brings back memories of the good old times when things were simpler, and the burden of life had not fallen on their shoulders. It is also fascinating to see how most people have lived through the same or at least similar experiences while growing up.

Nostalgia gives deeper insight

43 per cent of Millennial daters between 28 and 32 find discussing nostalgic topics like their favourite TV series and favorite games to play growing up helps build better bonds of friendship and even romance. It gives a deeper insight into their matches' lives and also works to remove any awkwardness from the interaction. It's a conversational topic that flows without disruption, helping people get to know each other better. 24 per cent of these people disclosed that nostalgia had played a role in helping them connect with others in a romantic and platonic way.

Conversation Starter

19 per cent of GenZ women between 20 and 25 reported using nostalgic topics as a conversation starter when getting to know someone. For people living outside for work and studies, their favorite food, especially homemade food, is something they love to talk about with a new match. They believe that having shared nostalgic experiences with a potential partner or friend makes them feel more connected and understood.

Impact on dating preference

32 per cent of daters from metros and smaller cities admitted actively seeking out individuals with similar nostalgic interests to form more profound connections. Millennials, for example, love discussing the transition from no technological support growing up to the massive advancement of tech and its presence in every sphere of life now. Going to internet cafes to play games and for in-depth studies seem strange and almost unreal in today's day and age. The way people fell in love in those days, with no phones, no video calls, and no instant messaging, makes it seem more romantic today and makes for a very intriguing subject to discuss, especially with a potential romantic connection, says these daters. The GenZ daters love reminiscing about their school days and exchanging notes on how their lives looked so much alike their new matches'.

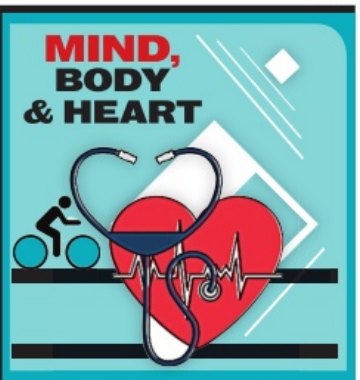
> **43% of Millennial daters find talking about topics like their favourite TV series and favourite games to play growing up helps build better bonds**

Sentimental for the 90s

Considering that GenZ was born between mid-1990 and early 2010, they are awfully inclined towards all things '90s, and 25 percent of men and women between 18 to 25 from both Tier 1 and 2 cities love matching with people who share the same sense of sentiment for the simpler days.

Starting from 90's fashion- baggy jeans and oversized clothes, the vintage look such as the mullet hairstyle for men and shag and fringes for women, movies, and sitcoms, GenZ is hopping on the nostalgia express and taking a trip down the 90s and times well before their time.

These young daters also expressed how nostalgia is a form of escapism from the mundane reality of life, helping people reach out for a simpler time that existed once but no more. And people love connecting with other individuals who seem to share and understand these sentiments. **-IANS**



All you need to know about...

Walking communities

Walk for safe pregnancy
A study found that pregnant women who live in walkable neighbourhoods with more sidewalks, parks and walking routes are more likely to engage in physical exercise and have safe pregnancies.

Walkable neighbourhoods
A study that was published in the journal Economics and Human Biology found that pregnant mothers who live in walkable neighbourhoods have lower rates of premature deliveries, low birth weight, gestational diabetes, and hypertension. Because walking is generally recommended as a safer, more moderate activity for pregnant women, the authors reasoned that living in a more walkable area would have health benefits for pregnant women.

For babies' health
Preterm babies and low birth weight infants are always a concern since they can have a lot more difficulties, according to Professor Karen Conway, professor of economics at UNH's Peter T. Paul College of Business and Economics
"At the end of the day, the data shows walkable communities mean mom and the baby are both in better health."
Conway and her co-author Andrea Menclova, associate professor of economics at the University of Canterbury, combined several walkability measures.

No link to weight gain
The study did not find a clear connection between walking and its impact on a mother's weight gain or high birth weight for the baby, known as macrosomia.
"We know that walkability may have other health benefits beyond encouraging more exercise," said Conway. "Living in an area more suitable for walking gets people outside and interacting with neighbours and relating to others in the community and all of those types of social and intrinsic activities can contribute to better overall health." **—ANI**

MIRRORLIGHTS

Researchers reveal artificial intelligence can diagnose autism spectrum disorder

According to a study, artificial intelligence can make a diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder.

'Scientific Reports' is a journal that published the study.

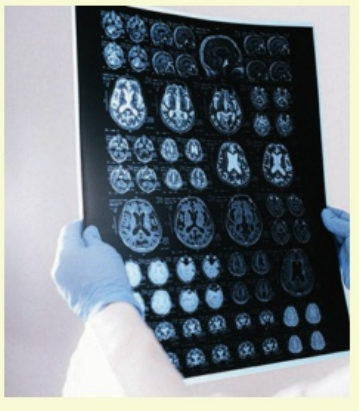
Due to the intricacy of the condition, diagnosing autism spectrum disorder (ASD) still presents a difficult issue that calls for highly qualified clinicians. Multifactorial neurodevelopmental disorder autism has a wide range of symptoms.

The study was based on brain imaging data for 500 people, about half of whom (242) had been diagnosed with ASD. Machine learning techniques were applied to the data. "We began developing our methodology by collecting functional magnetic resonance imaging [fMRI] and electroencephalogram [EEG] data," said Francisco Rodrigues, last author of the article. He is a professor at the University of São Paulo's Institute of Mathematics and Computer Science (ICMC-USP) in São Carlos, Brazil, and his contribution to the research was supported by FAPESP.

"We compared maps of people with and without ASD and found that diagnosis was possible using this methodology," Rodrigues said.

The researchers fed a machine learning algorithm with these maps. Based on the learned examples, the system was able to determine which brain alterations were associated with ASD with above 95% accuracy.

Much recent research proposes methods for diagnosing ASD based on machine learning but uses a single statistical parameter, ignoring brain network organization, which is the innovation featured by this study, the article notes. Brain maps or cortical networks show how brain regions are connected. Research on these networks began about 20 years ago and has offered a new vision of neuroscience. "Just as a road with interruptions alters the traffic in a region, a brain with alterations leads to changes in behavior," Rodrigues said.



The analysis of fMRI data highlighted changes in certain brain regions associated with cognitive, emotional, learning and memory processes. The cortical networks of ASD patients displayed more segregation, less distribution of information and less connectivity compared to controls. **-ANI**

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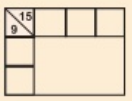
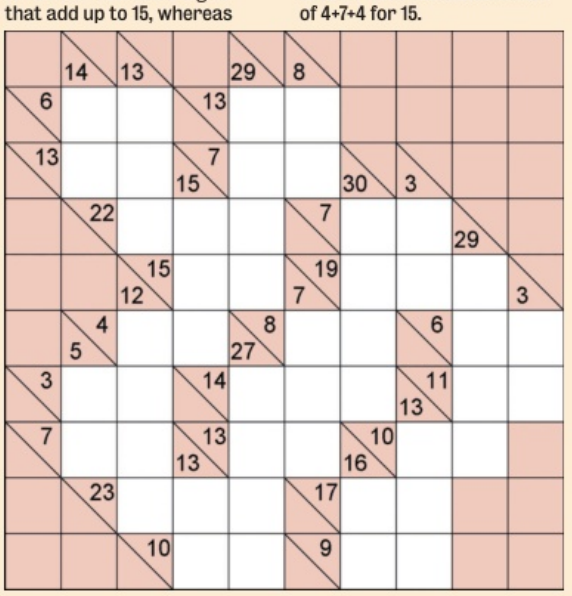
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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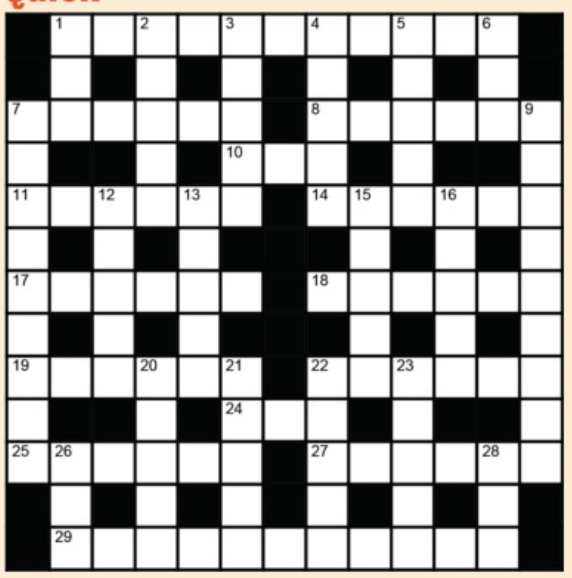


ACROSS

1 Sparkle (11)
7 Popular tourist destination in Himachal Pradesh (6)
8 Airport runway (6)
10 Last in a long line (3)
11 Victoria's consort (6)
14 Football team (6)
17 Row or tiff, shindy (4,2)
18 It sounds cold but it is hot to taste ? (6)
19 Jennifer Aniston on Friends (6)
22 Break through (6)
24 Chopper (3)
25 Portray (6)
27 Get back from the pawnshop? (6)
29 Act wealthy, in a manner of speaking? (3,2,3,3)

DOWN

1 Body of water (3)
2 Likeness (5)
3 Tarnish (5)
4 Loose-limbed (5)
5 Concur (5)
6 Greek vowel (3)
7 Perambulated, sauntered or strayed (9)
9 Road that is also known as Sampangi Ramaswamy Temple Road (9)
12 Comp. language (5)
13 Choice of roads (5)
15 Franz _____ composed "The Merry Widow"? (5)
16 Famous Russian river (5)
20 Armed robbery (5)
21 Ancient language (5)
22 Bed on a train (5)
23 Terminated or finished (5)
26 Sixth sense, in short (3)
28 Breakfast staple (3)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: N EQUALS T

WQ QZNJI NQ NFJ FQBYJ QZ NFH ZMGJIR; ZQM OJJRY YQQI PFQCJ BE NFJ BIBYJR EDNF.

Linemaro

Shut me up by kissing me

Mindchow

For beautiful eyes, look for the good in others; for beautiful lips, speak only words of kindness

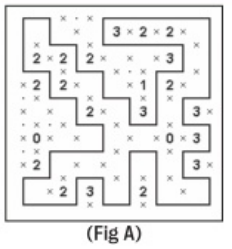
Joke of the day

When I see lovers' names carved in a tree, I don't think its cute. I just think it's crazy how many people bring knives on a date

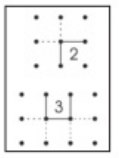
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

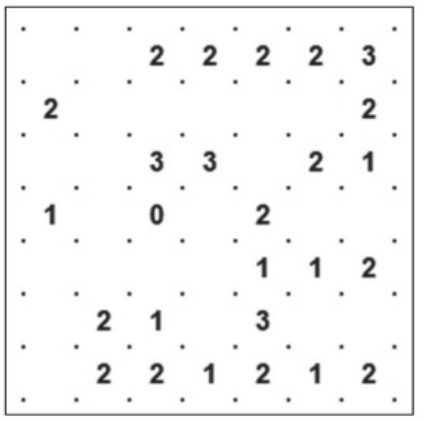


(Fig B) Not Allowed

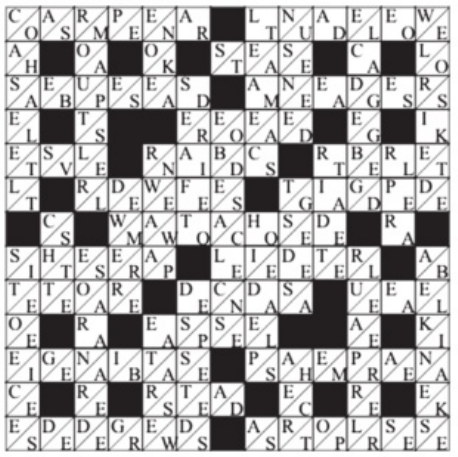
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



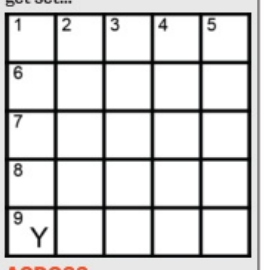
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 Ma bam; 6 Ragas; 7 So gas; 8 Emits; 9 Cathy

DOWN

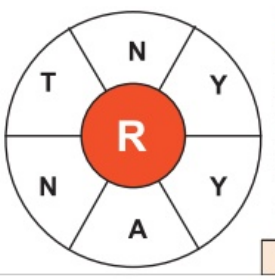
1 Say Ms; 2 Am Aga; 3 Gamic; 4 Throb; 5 Sates

Mensapuzzle

What two numbers should replace the question marks?

10, 30, 32, 96, 98, 294, 296, ?, ?

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

03 Average; 04 Good; 05 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

		2			5	6		
	1						3	
3	8		4		6		7	2
	2			4				9
			8		1			
6				9			1	
9	3		1		8		2	7
	5						9	
		7	9			4		

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 12
3 3 5 7

Medium = 15
3 4 5 9

Hard = 26
1 3 9 2

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

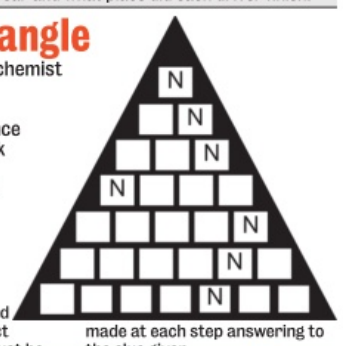
Differences: 1. Sign is different. 2. Lapel is not showing. 3. Sleeve is different. 4. Ear is smaller. 5. Curtain is missing. 6. Bricks are added.

Riddler

Mike, Jimmy, Nader, Kevin, and Larry were the top five finishers in the regional 500-mile race. They drove yellow, orange, green, red and blue cars but not necessarily in that order. Neither Kevin nor Larry drove the green car. Kevin finished faster than Mike and Larry. The blue car finished earlier than Larry's and Nader's car. The yellow car finished faster than the green car and the orange car. Mike's and Larry's car finished ahead of the orange car. Jimmy's car finished before the blue and the yellow car. Who drove what color car and what place did each driver finish?

Alpha triangle

1 Nitrogen for the chemist
2 A's alternative
3 Light brown
4 US.-Europe alliance
5 Conductor's stick
6 Study of plants
7 Rifle attachment



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

And now, a word from the National Council on Bipolar Cows:
MOODY!
This has been a message from the National Council on Bipolar Cows.
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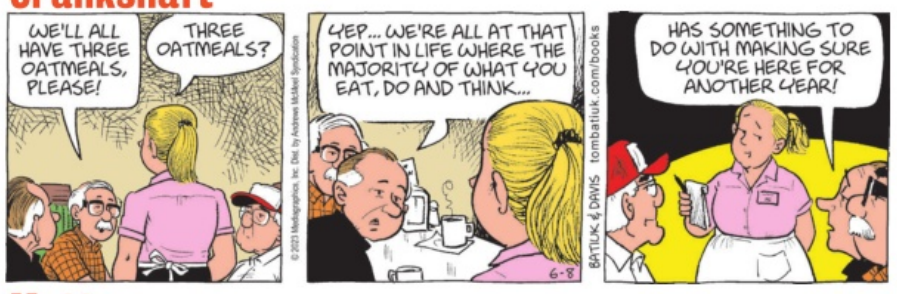
Hart of the city

SHOULD I SKIP A GRADE?
LOL NO
DEAN
GOOD. DECISION MADE.
DECISION MADE??
WAIT... DID I JUST WEIGH IN ON SOMETHING ACTUALLY IMPORTANT??
OMG WHAT DID I DO?!

Crankshaft


WE'LL ALL HAVE THREE OATMEALS, PLEASE!
THREE OATMEALS?
YEP... WE'RE ALL AT THAT POINT IN LIFE WHERE THE MAJORITY OF WHAT YOU EAT, DO AND THINK...
HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH MAKING SURE YOU'RE HERE FOR ANOTHER YEAR!
6-8

Mutts

MOOCH, IT'S BEEN SAID THAT WHEN A BUTTERFLY FLUTTERS HER WINGS IN ONE PART OF THE WORLD, IT CAN EVENTUALLY CAUSE A HURRICANE IN ANOTHER.
FLAP FLAP FLAP
SHTOP THAT!!!
6/12

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today you are blessed by the moon. You may have a good internal strength, and may enjoy work. You may also enjoy romantic moments with the spouse, which may improve domestic harmony. You are likely to implement new ideas in the family business. Your desire for perfection may help you to implement the plans successfully. Job seekers may find good jobs. Love birds are advised to avoid discussions on trivial topics.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today you may feel dull and disappointed. You are advised to control your arrogance, otherwise you may face some losses due to your harsh way of speaking while you are talking with people around you. Love birds should be careful in having discussions on topics that can cause tension as it may become a reason for a rift in the relationship.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, there may be peace in the mind. You may plan to invest some capital in the business, which may increase liquidity in your business. Your earnings may boost your bank balance. You may enjoy romantic moments with your spouse, which may enhance harmony in the family life. Singles are likely to find a good match. Love birds may make the decision to get married.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today you may be very happy and your losses may be converted into profits. Your boss may be happy and may appreciate your work. You are likely to have some changes in your place or position at work , in terms of promotions. You are likely to have control over opponents and hidden enemies. Love birds may make important decisions in terms of marriage with the help of relatives.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, your moon is positive, and your destiny will aid you. You are likely to visit some religious place with your family or friends. You may plan to donate some amount to a religious place or to some charity. Property-related deals are likely to be done. You may plan for an overseas trip related to work. You may also plan for higher education. You are advised to drink plenty of water to avoid any kidney issues.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today your moon is negative. You may be a victim of conspiracies. You are advised to avoid getting involved in controversies. You are advised to avoid arguments in domestic life. You should also avoid driving fast or going on any adventurous tour. You may be attracted to the occult. Those in the field of research, occult, science or geology may perform their best.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today you may be busy at work. You may be energetic, which may speed up your project. You may be able to make quick decisions that will help expand your business. You are likely to start a new innovation in a partnership. Investments in fixed assets with the business partner are not advised.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today you are blessed by the moon. You may perform well at work, and may expect some promotions or transfer in terms of gains. You may also plan to change your current job. Your relations with the seniors will be strong. Old health issues will be cured now. You are advised to control your eating habits as it may create stomach issues.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today you are blessed by the moon. Things may be under control and you will enjoy work. Your focus may be good, which will reflect into your way of working. Your wisdom will help you go ahead with taking difficult decisions in terms of your profession. Your past investments are likely to give profits, which may boost your savings. Speculation is best avoided.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today you may have a dull feeling. You may feel dissatisfied. You may not enjoy your day. You may be a victim of arrogance. This may affect both your professional and domestic life. You may internally feel a lack of confidence, which may stop you from doing something creative at work.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you may feel energetic. You may perform efficiently at work and your hard work may pay off now. This may boost your confidence. Property related disputes with the siblings are likely to be resolved now. Your meeting with some influential person may boost your network. Disputes with the partner may also be resolved.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, you are blessed by the moon, which makes you happy. You are polite with the people around you and you may make some difficult decisions in the business, with the help of your family members. You are likely to get a big order with the help of your communication skills, which may increase the business. You are advised to be careful with throat, ears and eyes issues.

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
40.96% = (40.96/100). Sqrt(40.96/100) = 6.4/10.
This equals .64 or 64%.

BULL'S EYE
nary, rant, tray, TYRANNY, yarn

STRIKE OUT

C	A	M	P	E	R	L	U	D	L	O	W			
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FAST FIVE

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A	G	A	R	S
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S	M	I	T	E
Y	A	C	H	T

QUOTE UNCODE
Go often to the house of thy friend; for weeds soon choke up the unused path.

SUDOKU

1	6	7	9	5	2	4	8	3
2	5	8	7	3	4	1	9	6
9	3	4	1	6	8	5	2	7
6	4	3	5	9	7	2	1	8
5	7	9	8	2	1	3	6	4
8	2	1	6	4	3	7	5	9
3	8	5	4	1	6	9	7	2
4	1	6	2	7	9	8	3	5
7	9	2	3	8	5	6	4	1

MENSA PUZZLE
888, 890: the sequence progresses ×3, +2

RIDDLER
1st – Jimmy, red car; 2nd – Kevin, blue car; 3rd – Larry, yellow car; 4th – Mike, green car; 5th – Nader, orange car.

QUICK

S	C	I	N	T	I	L	L	A	T	E				
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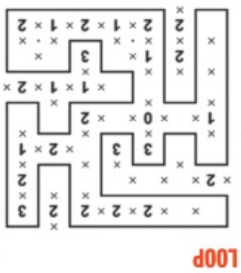
ALPHA TRIANGLE
N, An, Tan, Nato, Baton, Botany, Bayonet.

GO FIGURE
Easy
5 – 3 + 5 + 7 = 12
Medium
4 + 5 + 9 – 3 = 15
Hard
3 x 9 – 2 + 1 = 26

LOOP



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Yami on playing 'meatier roles'

Change takes time and Yami Gautam says better roles will be written for women in films when actors will be forthcoming about playing a character of substance, genre no bar.

The actor, who plays lawyer Kamini Maheshwari in the recently released hit Hindi film "OMG 2", also credited her women colleagues, both seniors and contemporaries, for doing an "incredible job".

"I think it all comes from the writing. The audience was always welcoming such films... Change takes time. There should be awareness that actresses themselves want to essay a pivotal role in any kind of film, be it an out-and-out commercial, a high concept or a women-related film. The role has to have substance, that is important.

"Accordingly, meatier roles will be written for women. Audiences always accept good films and eventually all this will have an impact on the box office. I'm glad I'm part of this era, that this awareness is there. I'm happy that my contemporaries and my seniors are doing such an incredible job. This is just the beginning," Gautam told PTI.

–PTI

Under scrutiny

Ananya Panday speaks about the fine line between feedback and trolling

Bollywood actress Ananya Panday who is gearing up for the release of her much-awaited 'Dream Girl 2' opposite Ayushmann Khurrana, opens up about how constant scrutiny and social media trolling affects her on a personal level.

In an interview with a news portal, Ananya Panday shared that There is a fine line between feedback and negative trolling.

According to her, if someone is giving me constructive criticism, then she is all for it. Elaborating further, the actress added that she did not want to stop learning and growing.

The actress believes that she has to be malleable as an actor but when it comes to trolling, she will try not to pay too much heed to it. About sharing the screen with Ayushmann, Ananya shared that Ayushmann was tip-top. By the time he would get ready and come on set, it would feel like there was a guest appearance in the film because he was unrecognisable. The actress further added that he was giving her tips on nail polish, he had learnt everything. Then they would go through our lines multiple times before their takes so that they had the lines and dialect out of the way.

The 25-year-old actress also expressed that she is happy to be finally doing a content-driven film with 'Dream Girl 2'.

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Gentleman 2 begins

Shooting for the film Gentleman 2 was launched with a pooja at a hall in Chennai on Saturday. The sequel to the 1993 hit is to be helmed by A Gokul Krishna while Chethan Cheenu of Naan Sigappu Manithan fame is playing the lead and Nayanthara Chakravarthy and Priya Lal are paired opposite him. MM Keeravani, who scored music for the song 'Naatu Naatu' of RRR, will score the music. "Gentleman 2 wants to ensure that everyone in the society is a gentleman. I have bankrolled some movies and worked as a distributor for more than 200 movies. I know the pulse of the audience. This movie will please audiences," said KT Kunjumon, who is bankrolling the film.

Kunjumon said he was very happy when he met Keeravani in Hyderabad. "Keeravani did not enquire about the cast and crew of this movie when I met him. He agreed to score music for this movie without taking an advance amount," said Kunjumon.

The movie will be dubbed in Kannada, Telugu, Malayalam and Hindi.

Title coming soon

Happy news for Chandan Shetty's fans and well wishers. The title for Shetty's latest movie is scheduled for being unveiled on the auspicious Varamahalakshmi Festival that falls on August 25. Shetty, a well-known rapper in Karnataka, has acted in a few Kannada movies but his latest is said to be the best among them all. The movie's team released a promo of the title of the movie on August 18 and it was received well on social media. The promo is a satire that explains how directors struggle to select suitable titles for their movie and how cast, especially newcomers, try to impress directors.

Arun Amuktha, who directed Loosegalu in which Murali played the lead, is helming this movie. Since that film, Arun has been busy making ad films. The movie's team, including Arun, want Shetty's fans to wait till August 25 to know the title of the film.

Fashionista

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Couple in radar

Bollywood's power couple Alia Bhatt and Ranbir Kapoor were spotted at the airport recently, as they flew out of Mumbai on Sunday.

The video shows Alia wearing a white top, with matching pants and blue jacket. She completed the look with a cross body bag and white sneakers. While, Ranbir opted for a blue jacket, matching joggers, and a black beanie. He completed the look with white sneakers.

Ranbir held Alia closely while they posed for the cameras. Alia flaunted her bright smile, while her husband Ranbir maintained a serious expression.

Reportedly, the actor couple is going for a vacation to an undisclosed location.

However, fans took to the comment section and wrote: "They are the only couple who want to pose for the paps. No other bolly couple do this everytime they are spotted together; "They both look upset. Looks like a fight happened before," said another. "Why ranbir always look sad?"

On the work front, Alia was last seen alongside Ranveer Singh in romantic comedy family drama 'Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani'.

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